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is progressing slowly. The fact that OLEKH, head of the German Properties Department, attends daily conferences at the Imperial Hotel and takes with him a number of case files and compilations made by the Soviet staff of the department, and that the Financial Department of USIA has made an unusual number of inquiries recently regarding the capital status of firms under investigation by the German Properties Department has led source to believe that Soviet authorities are working on some form of overall statement concerning German property claims.

5. A special Soviet commission has been appointed to check the files of all firms declared 100 percent Austrian-owned by the German Properties Department since 1945 to make sure that no errors have been made and that no further claims can be found. According to OLEKH, the findings of this commission will be forwarded to the Soviet delegate to the Austrian state treaty conferences in London.

as being 42 percent German-owned. The amount of Semperit indebtedness to the Creditanstalt is not known.

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